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Decision Memorandum and Categorical Exclusion Documentation

Lease/Serial/Case File # CACA-56726

CE # CA-180-16-34

BLM Office: Mother Lode Field Office

A. Project Title: Nevada Fire Safe Council Green Waste Drop

B. Description and Rational: Issue of a renewable 3 year 2920 Temporary Use Permit to the Nevada Fire Safe Council. To use the parcel of BLM land as a temporary dump site for vegetative waste. Waste will be ground up by a horizontal grinding machine and subsequently trucked off site to an electric co-generation plant.

C. Location: T. 16 N., R. 8 E., within section 6, lot 11. Located at the corner of Jones Bar and Owl Creek Roads near the town of Nevada City within Nevada County, California.

D. Stipulation/Mitigations: See attached Special Stipulations

E. Plan Conformance: This action is in conformance with the Sierra Resource Management Plan, approved in February of 2008.

F. Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act: The proposed action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 2, Appendix 4, DM 11.9, E.19, which allows for "Issuance of short-term (3 years or less) rights-of-way or land use authorizations for such uses as storage sites, apiary sites, and construction sites where the proposal includes rehabilitation to restore the lands to its natural or original condition."

This categorical exclusion is appropriate for this action because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2 apply (see attached).

I considered the cultural and biological issues specific to this area of BLM managed land, and relied on documentation provided by the expertise of wildlife and cultural resource specialists to determine that this area is suitable for the desired use.

D. Signature

William S. Haigh
Field Manager, Mother Lode

Date

E. Contact

For more information, contact Heather Daniels, Realty Specialist, (916) 941-3143.

Review of Extraordinary Circumstances

The Department of the Interior Manual 516 2.3A (3) requires review of the following “extraordinary circumstances” (516 DM 2 Appendix 2) to determine if an otherwise categorically excluded action would require additional environmental analysis/documentation.

1) *Have significant impacts on public health or safety.*

() Yes (X) No

Comments:

2) *Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.*

() Yes (X) No

Comments:

3) *Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].*

() Yes (X) No

Comments:

4) *Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.*

() Yes (X) No

Comments:

5) *Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.*

() Yes (X) No

Comments:

6) *Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.*

☐ Yes ☒ No

Comments:

7) *Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.*

☐ Yes ☒ No

Comments:

8) *Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat.*

☐ Yes ☒ No

Comments:

9) *Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.*

☐ Yes ☒ No

Comments:

10) *Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).*

☐ Yes ☒ No

Comments:

11) *Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).*

☐ Yes ☒ No

Comments:

12) *Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).*

☐ Yes ☒ No

Comments:

Reviewers :

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